

**LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON STATE LANDS**  
**Act 66 of 1959**

AN ACT to prohibit the running at large on or the grazing upon any land owned by or under the control of the department of conservation, by cattle, horses, sheep and swine; to provide for the enforcement of this act; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**322.581 Conservation department lands; grazing permits; cattle, horse, sheep, swine.**

Sec. 1. No cattle, horses, sheep or swine shall run at large or graze upon any lands owned by or under the control of the department of conservation except under authority of a written permit issued by the director of conservation.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.582 Seizure of animals in violation of section.**

Sec. 2. The director of conservation shall take possession of any animal found grazing or running at large in violation of section 1 of this act and he shall not be held civilly nor criminally liable for so doing.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.583 Seizure of animals; care while impounded.**

Sec. 3. Whenever the director of conservation seizes any animals under section 2, he shall impound them in some suitable place and furnish them with suitable care, food and water as long as they remain impounded.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.584 Animals impounded; description, posting.**

Sec. 4. Within 48 hours after the impounding of any animal, the director of conservation shall post in 3 conspicuous places in the township where the animals were seized a written notice of the impounding, which shall contain the place, date and reason for the seizure and the number and description of the animals impounded.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.585 Animals impounded; sale, time.**

Sec. 5. If no person appears to claim the animals within 7 days after the date of impounding, the director of conservation shall sell them by auction in the county where they are impounded, first advertising the sale by posting a notice thereof in 3 conspicuous places in the county not less than 5 days before the sale and by serving a copy of said notice on the owner of such animals if such owner is known and resides in said county.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.586 Animals impounded; claim by owner; payment.**

Sec. 6. If, at any time prior to 24 hours immediately preceding the date and hour fixed for the sale, the owner files with the director of conservation, in writing, a statement under oath that he is the owner of said animals and pays to the director of conservation a sum of 50 cents per head for each day each animal was impounded, the animals shall thereupon be delivered to the owner thereof. If the owner refuses or neglects to pay the sum due, the director of conservation shall sell the animals at auction as provided in section 5.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.587 Animals impounded; escape, retaking.**

Sec. 7. If any animals that have been impounded in accordance with the provisions of this act escape, the director of conservation at any time within 7 days thereafter may retake the animals and hold and dispose of them as provided in this act, as if no escape had taken place.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.588 Animals impounded; unlawful interference, misdemeanor.**

Sec. 8. Any person who without lawful authority attempts to or removes, takes or interferes with, in any manner, any animals impounded under authority of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.589 Animals impounded; sale, disposition of proceeds; claim by owner.**

Sec. 9. All moneys received by the director of conservation from the sale provided for in section 5 shall be deposited with the state treasurer in accordance with established accounting procedure and law and, after all costs and expenses for rounding up, impounding, caring for, feeding, advertising and selling such animals as certified by the director shall have been paid therefrom, the balance remaining shall be held in trust by the state treasurer for a period of 90 days. If within 90 days after such sale the owner of the animals shall satisfactorily establish his claim thereto to the director of conservation, said money shall be paid over to him by the state treasurer. If the owner shall not appear within such 90 day period, then the state treasurer shall credit said moneys to the general fund of the state. All moneys received by the director of conservation under the provisions of section 6 shall be deposited with the state treasurer in accordance with the law and established accounting procedure and credited to the general fund of the state.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.590 Animals impounded; owner, criminal liability.**

Sec. 10. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to relieve an owner of any animals so impounded of any criminal liability or penalty which may be otherwise provided by law for allowing or permitting animals to graze or run at large on lands owned by or under the control of the department of conservation.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**322.591 Animals impounded; permits, sale; terms and conditions.**

Sec. 11. The terms and conditions of the permits and for the sale of animals impounded under authority of this act shall be determined by the director of conservation.

**History:** 1959, Act 66, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.